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FORMER KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSING COUNTERFEIT CHECKS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for counterfeiting.

Darryl D. Minor, 29, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Minor** admitted that he passed and uttered with the intent to deceive another person or organization, a counterfeit and forged cashier's checks in the amount of \$4,000 on April 4, 2001, in the amount of \$25,000 on April 11, 2001, and in the amount of \$3,500 on April 12, 2001.

Minor was originally charged with passing the counterfeit checks dated April 11, 2001, and April 12, 2001. He also admitted to passing the check dated April 4, 2001, in the District of Kansas.

Minor also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of the original indictment that requires him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the counterfeiting, including approximately \$28,500.

The counterfeit checks were passed in order to obtain a 4.5 carat lady's diamond ring for \$4,000, a 1995 black four-door Mercedes Benz S-320 for \$25,000, and a second ring for \$3,500, each from Kansas City area victims. Each of the items was listed for sale in the *Kansas City Star's* classified section. **Minor** contacted the seller of each item and used the counterfeit checks to purchase the rings and vehicle, Graves said.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances Reddis. It was

investigated by the United States Secret Service.

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